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1. MADRID EVENING DAILY INFORMACIONES OF SEPT 6
REPORTS SPANISH NAVY CREWS STANDING BY IN EL FERROL TO
MAN THREE U.S. DESTROYERS SOON TO BE LOANED TO SPAIN
UNDER AFC. ARTICLE NOTES THAT SHIPS ARE NOT THE ONES
REJECTED EARLIER THIS YEAR BY SPANISH NAVY BECAUSE OF
THEIR "DOUBTFUL SEAWORTHINESS". ARTICLE CONTINUES THAT
DESTROYERS NOW DESTINED FOR SPAIN WERE BUILT BETWEEN
1945 AND 1946 AND THAT MODERNIZATION OF THEM BETWEEN
1959 AND 1961 "HAS CONVERTED THEM INTO SHIPS IN VERY
GOOD CONDITION THAT IN FACT ARE STILL PART OF THE
COMBAT FLEET OF THE U.S. NAVY".

2. COMMENT: INFORMACIONES USUALLY FOLLOWS SPANISH NAVY
AFFAIRS CLOSELY AND HAS GOOD SOURCES IN NAVY MINISTRY.
ARTICLE IS FIRST SPANISH PRESS COVERAGE OF IMPENDING
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TRANSFER TO SPAIN OF U.S. DESTROYERS O'HARE, LEARY AND

NOA. INFORMACIONES' FAVORABLE COMMENT ON CONDITION OF
SHIPS CONTRASTS SHARPLY WITH ITS NEGATIVE ASSESSMENTS OF
THREE U.S. DESTROYERS REJECTED AS "UNSEAWORTHY" IN
FEBRUARY 1973 (REFTEL).
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